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Further, EP 0 940 796, EP 1 524 696, U.S. Patent No. 6,373,453, U.S. Publication Nos. 2002/0075207, 2003/0206144 and 2008/0036699 are in the same family as JP 11-065487, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,640,067, 5,897,328, 6,853,083, 6,992,435 and 7,476,900 are in the same family as JP 08-330600, but were not cited in the foreign communication.

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